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**From:** Hubbard, Carolyn [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=2A93CE3245494318B109E87F7D826284-HUBBARD, CAROLYN]  
**Sent:** 5/23/2018 10:38:05 PM  
**To:** Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=3c5a111dc377411595e5b24b5d96146b-Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer]  
**Subject:** RE: HOLD -: OPPT/ORD - REUTERS: EPA IRIS assessment of Formaldehyde

Bizarre. I will check again w Kevin- he's following it.

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202-564-2189

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**From:** Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 6:37 PM  
**To:** Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: HOLD -: OPPT/ORD - REUTERS: EPA IRIS assessment of Formaldehyde

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On May 23, 2018, at 5:35 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

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**From:** Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer  
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And for some reason i could not pull up your msg

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Robbins, Chris" <[Robbins.Chris@epa.gov](mailto:Robbins.Chris@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 23, 2018 at 3:00:08 PM CDT  
**To:** "Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer" <[Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov)>  
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hubbard, Carolyn" <[Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 23, 2018 at 2:17:56 PM CDT  
**To:** "Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer" <[Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov)>, "Blackburn, Elizabeth" <[Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>, "Rodan, Bruce" <[rodan.bruce@epa.gov](mailto:rodan.bruce@epa.gov)>, "Robbins, Chris" <[Robbins.Chris@epa.gov](mailto:Robbins.Chris@epa.gov)>, "Radzikowski, Mary Ellen" <[Radzikowski.Maryellen@epa.gov](mailto:Radzikowski.Maryellen@epa.gov)>  
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FYI-

The press office says the Office of the Press Sec is working on this response.

**Subject:** OPPT/ORD - REUTERS: EPA IRIS assessment of Formaldehyde

**REUTERS**  
**VALERIE VOLCOVICI**  
**DDL THURSDAY 24 MAY, 9 AM**

Good afternoon,

Do you want to take any of this? Enesta has already flagged Q2 for the air program.

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Hi Jahan and EPA press team,

I am seeking comment for a story I am working on about the status of the EPA's IRIS program's assessment of formaldehyde.

I have read some agency internal communications about the status of the assessment and it seems that senior leadership at EPA, including Bill Wehrum, Clint Woods and Ryan Jackson have not yet given permission to initiate an intra-agency review of the assessment, which must take place before the draft can be released to the public for comment. It appears that the EPA initially said that it will begin the intra-agency review process imminent back in early February, when Congressional staff inquired about the timeline for publication.

- 1) Can EPA explain why the intra-agency review process has not yet begun when IRIS completed its draft in the fall of 2017?
- 2) Why have Bill Wehrum and Clint Woods not yet green-lighted the intra-agency review to begin?
- 3) Will the EPA complete the intra-agency review, public comment period and send the assessment to the National Academies of Science by the end of the calendar year?
- 4) The American Chemistry Council sent me a power point presentation they used at their meeting with EPA staff on the assessment in January. They said these presentations are usually posted to the EPA website that details meeting schedules. Why wasn't the presentation uploaded to the website?

My deadline is tomorrow morning at 9AM.